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SUBJECT: PATTERSON CASE: PRESS GUIDANCE

1. IN VIEW OF PATTERSON FAMILY DEEP CONCERN OVER PRESS ITEMS DWELLING ON HOAX THEORY AND REPORTING PATTERSON COMES FROM WEALTHY FAMILY, FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE IS APPROVED FOR DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY USE ON IF-ASKED BASIS:

2. Q - WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT REPORTS FROM MEXICO THAT THIS KIDNAPPING MAY BE A HOAX OF SOME SORT:

3. A - THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT WOULD LEAD US TO BELIEVE THAT THIS IS ANYTHING BUT A REAL KIDNAPPING.

4. Q - IS IT TRUE THAT PATTERSON COMES FROM A WEALTHY FAMILY?

5. A - JOHN PATTERSON'S MOTHER TRIED TO DISPEL THAT RUMOR ON MARCH 29 WHEN SHE ISSUED A STATEMENT TO THE PRESS, AND I QUOTE "JOHN'S EDUCATION WAS FINANCED LARGELY BY EDUCATIONAL LOANS. I AM A WIDOWED SCHOOL TEACHER OF LIMITED MEANS." KISSINGER

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